

Amendments to the Specification

Please make the following amendments to the specification. Material to be inserted in replacement paragraphs or sections is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the present embodiment, the locking device 1 is formed as a casing 4 around the figure of the stem as shown in Figure 3, and may glide up and down along the stem 2. The casing 4 may surround the stem 2 completely, ~~as shown in Figure 6~~, or have an open side and possibly rails gripping into corresponding tracks in the longitudinal direction of the stem 2.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The locking device 1 may be an integrated part of the seat 1, or another module which may be fastened onto the stem 2 of, for example, a trolley or a stem of a chair. The locking device may possibly contain fastening or coupling means, making it possible to fasten modules to it, such as a baby seat, a luggage holder, or a bracket **[[9]]** for such modules, ~~as shown in Figure 7~~.